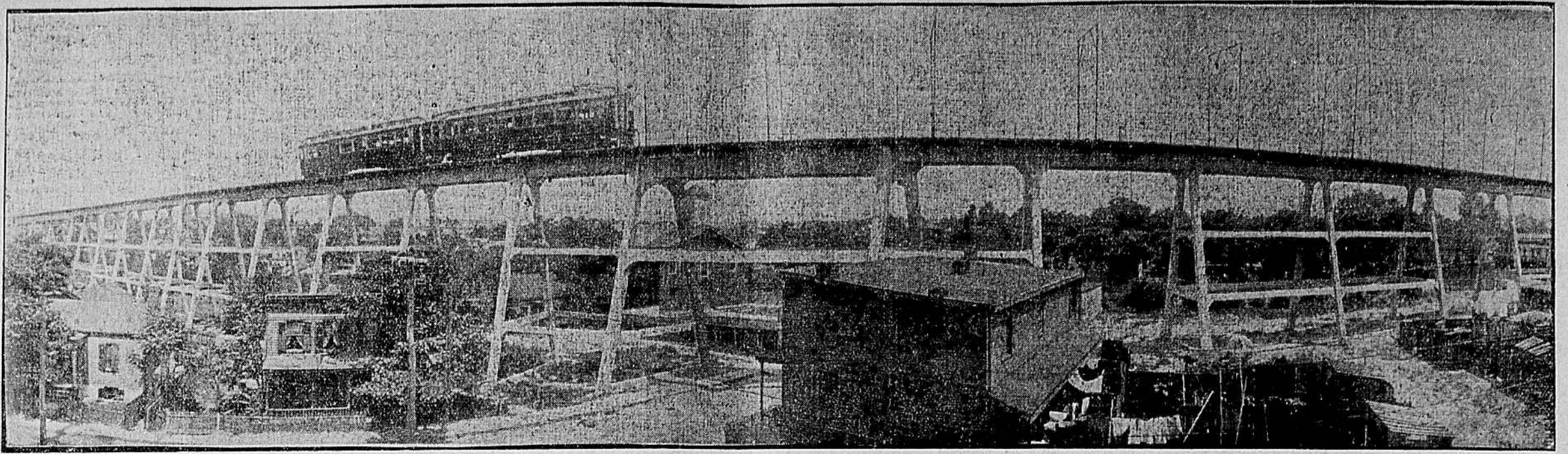


VIEW OF THE RICHMOND AND CHESAPEAKE BAY VIADUCT ON THE ASHLAND DIVISION



It is hard to say just when the new Ashland electric line will be opened to travel by the general public, but it is understood that it will be in use throughout its length within the next ten days or two weeks. The roadbed is practically complete, and the final opening only awaits the coming of some special electrical equipment, which is being constructed by the General Electric Company. As soon as this is in place the line will be thrown open for general use, and a large passenger is confidently expected. In fact, since the line of the new road was announced, property values along the route have greatly increased, many suburban and trucking places having already been built.

One of the developments of the new line which will materially affect certain lines of business in Richmond will be the running of a milk train or string of cars in the early morning, which will bring into Richmond the produce of dairy farms all along the Ashland line. It is proposed to run this train at an early hour in the morning, before regular travel begins, and the cars will be equipped with all

appliances for handling milk. Arrangements will be made for turning the milk over to the city dairies with the least possible loss of time.

Something in this line has already been accomplished along the route of the Petersburg line, and dairy farms between here and Petersburg are shipping their milk into Richmond by electric traction to Manchester. These cars do not come into the city, however, and the plan has not been worked out on a large scale as will be attempted on the Ashland line, which traverses a grass country, suitable for dairy farming.

The rapid transit offered by the Ash-

land line will also open up a considerable area of suitable land for suburban living, especially among people who wish larger tracts than the average suburban, and who will maintain a garden or small truck farm.

Considerable interest among Richmond people attaches to the ultimate aim of the promoters of the new line. So far work has only been actually done on the line from Richmond to Ashland, but the construction has been throughout of the heaviest kind. The heavy concrete trestle on which the line enters Richmond is but an index of the cost of the building of the line. After leaving the Brook Turnpike op-

posite the Westbrook place, the road goes over a succession of cuts and fills as expensive and elaborate as on any railroad in Eastern Virginia. Every effort has been made to avoid heavy grades and sharp curves, no expense being spared to provide a line which will bear the heaviest trains at high speed.

Just where the line will go after reaching Ashland is still a matter of conjecture, the owners giving out practically nothing of their ultimate plans. A line to Tappahannock, or some other point on deep water, which will open up the Northern Neck of Virginia, is projected. Valuable as such a line

would be, and as much new territory as it would open to trade, there are have been in the air of the purchase of water rights at Fredericksburg, at Occoquan, of land at Aquia Creek, and of a controlling interest in the Washington and Mount Vernon electric line. While none of these projects have been definitely connected with the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railroad, there are those who firmly believe that, in view of the expensive heavy form of construction of the part now built, that an electric line from Richmond to Washington, with side lines down the Northern Neck, to Tappahannock, and possibly

those who believe that there is something even bigger in view. Rumors of other branch lines as feeders, will be a development of the near future. Railroad promoters say that the day of electric traction for considerable distances has come, and that the owners of the new line are far-sighted enough to take advantage of the trend of the times. What such a line would mean for the development of Central and Eastern Virginia would be hard to calculate, but it would certainly mean the revival of a once prosperous farming section, and the touching of sections not hitherto reached by any railroad.

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FIGHT OVER LIQUOR COMES UP TO-NIGHT

High License Proposition Before Council Committee.

WHAT POLICE CHIEF THINKS Believes That One Bar Should Be Granted for Every Thousand People.

High license in all of its phases will be discussed pro and con by the Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform at a meeting to-night, when the report of a subcommittee will come up for consideration. Should its recommendations be put into an ordinance, the number of saloons would be reduced to twenty-seven, with seventy-three establishments in which intoxicants may be sold in original packages, not to be opened or drunk on the premises. This latter proposition is not different from the dispensary plan, in many of its features. At least, the report was submitted several weeks ago it was decided to defer action until to-night, so that all who are interested in the question would have an opportunity of studying it, with a view of arriving at conclusions which might be of value in its final determination.

While practically the entire Council is in favor of regulations which will reduce the number of saloons and the elimination of those which are regarded as objectionable, there is strong opposition to certain quarters. On the matter of \$1,000 as the license fee there will not be any wide difference of opinion. Moreover, the movement to drive the bars out of the residential sections has met with decided favor, the idea being to herd them in the commercial districts. How this is to be done is not easy of solution.

Chief of Police Werner, who has been looking into conditions carefully so that he might aid the committee, has advised its members that the idea of having one saloon for every 1,000 inhabitants, this would limit the number to about 112, outside of hotels. It is claimed that these establishments could be located so that they would not invade a section in which no other business is conducted. The point is made that to limit the number of saloons to twenty-seven would be undesirable, because it would bring different classes together, would cause a constant rush in the places where drinks may be bought over the counter, and would lead to disorder instead of suppressing it. So far, however, the saloon men have not organized.

They have formed no combination to oppose the measure, and this, it is said, is due to the fact that they believe Council will not adopt the report as prepared.

Must Curb the Traffic. Even though the members are opposed to some extent to the recommendations they are firmly convinced that there are too many saloons in Richmond, and that further restrictions must be thrown around the liquor traffic. As an abstract proposition they contend that an increase in the license from \$250 to \$1,000 would force many retailers out of business, and that it might strike the very element that the public is anxious to have suppressed. The original package, or dispensary idea, does not seem to be over-popular. The license for those places has been fixed at \$500.

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BURIED IN BOXES AND BARRELS

Unknown Dead of Henrico Are Hurried to Indecent Graves.

UGLY CHARGES ARE MADE Mrs. Groot Says Body Exhumed Was in Rough Plank Box.

Henrico county officials will investigate the charges made on Saturday that bodies are being buried in the Potter's field in the county, without the use of a coffin, or in rough plank boxes, which were not intended for the purpose.

County Coroner W. A. Deas said last night that he had no personal knowledge of the matter, and that where bodies were found and unclaimed they were turned over to the constable for burial in the Potter's field. Mrs. Groot, who is the mother of a son, said that if there was any reason to believe that the bodies were not being properly buried he would look into it at once.

Mrs. Groot's Charges. The matter came to light through the statement of Mrs. R. A. Groot, of No. 1415 Floyd Avenue. Mrs. Groot did not answer an order from County Coroner Deas, and accompanied by a private detective, went to the county almshouse, on the Nine Mile Road, in Henrico county, not far from the Masonic Home. Here the body was exhumed for her inspection, and while it did not appear to be her son, Mrs. Groot was greatly surprised and shocked to find it buried in a rough plank box, not long enough for the body to be extended. Mrs. Groot said that she was told by negroes at the place that such a burial was nothing uncommon, as his duties as a doctor ended when the inquest was over and the body turned over to a county constable for interment. Dr. Deas said that he had always required the constable who was assigned to the duty to bring him a receipt for the body from the keeper of the almshouse, Mr. T. D. Crouch.

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In the case of the man drowned in the river some days since, Dr. Deas said that after the coroner's investigation had failed to reveal his identity the body had been turned over to Constable Burch for burial, and that the recent had been properly returned. Dr. Deas said that he understood that the constable received a fee of \$5 for this service, and that the county furnished the coffin at the county almshouse, which adjoins the Potter's field.

Keeper Not Responsible.

Mr. T. D. Crouch, keeper of the county almshouse, said last night that he was not responsible for the burial of others than the inmates of the almshouse who died on the place. These, he said, were always given decent interment, the county furnishing coffins, a supply of which were always kept on the place.

It was pointed out that other bodies were brought to the Potter's field for interment by various county constables, but that beyond assigning a place for the interment, he had nothing to do with the matter. Mr. Crouch said, however, that when the body of the unknown man was found, the body was found to be in such a decomposed state from having been long in the water that it was not possible to use one of the regular coffins on hand, and a larger coffin had therefore been made from some plank off the place.

May Affect Election. Coming just at this time, the charges of Mrs. Groot as to indecent and improper treatment of dead bodies will no doubt cause a considerable stir in the county.

B. A. BLENNER A REAL HERO

Goes Through Flames to Save Four Richmond Men from Death.

MOTOR CAR IN A BLAZE Accident Occurred Saturday Night at Byrd Park, Near Idlewood.

Four well-known Richmond men seated in a blazing motor car, was a sight which caused consternation to the crowd at Byrd Park late on Saturday night, and for some minutes it looked as though there would be a terrific explosion which would have meant loss of life, not only to those in the car, but to many bystanders on the shores of the lake.

Mr. B. A. Blenner, proved the hero of the occasion, for it was due to his daring that a serious accident was averted.

A party of Richmond men, including a banker, a real estate agent, a tobacco manufacturer and a capitalist, had gone to the lake in a motor car to Idlewood Park and had spent Saturday evening in seeing the sights of that lively place of entertainment. Just after leaving Idlewood and on the driveway around the lake in Byrd Park the car suddenly came to a standstill, and the engine began to cough and sputter.

The following self-explanatory resolution was adopted: "Whereas, there has long been a desire on the part of the working classes of this city to know something of what the different religious denominations believe as to their spiritual and temporal environment; and

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"Resolved, That ministers of all religious bodies in this city be requested to preach a sermon on the relation of the church to the working classes, on Sunday, September 1st—the day before Labor Day—the Hebrew ministers on their Sabbath, August 31st."

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PREPARING FOR A GREAT TIME

Labor Day Committee Preparing Fine Program for September 2d.

WANT PREACHERS TO HELP Globe Gives Committee Ten Per Cent. of Saturday's Sales.

Much progress is being made by the Labor Day committee with the program for the great celebration to take place here on September 2d.

The Globe clothing store gave 10 per cent. of its gross sales on Saturday to the committee, and they amounted to \$225.50. This resulted in a snug little present of \$22.55 for the labor people. The sales were \$300 ahead of those made on the corresponding day of last year. It was regarded as a good day's work, in view of the fact that this is between seasons, and very few suits were sold. Nearly all the sales were of small articles. The members of the labor day committee were at the store during the entire afternoon, and refreshments were served to them.

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FLORENCE SCHENCK NOT WITH COMPANY

"Rollicking Girl" Good Enough Without Virginia Help.

MISS BLOW ON STAGE LIFE Leading Lady Deplores Custom of Starring Women of Newspaper Fame.

Miss Lila Blow, leading lady in "The Rollicking Girl," which will open the theatrical season at the Academy of Music to-night, spoke very plainly about the profession yesterday in connection with the report that Miss Florence Schenck and Mrs. Bronson Howard had joined the company.

"These young women did not appear with us in Norfolk," she said to a reporter at the Richmond Hotel, "and they will not be in the cast to-morrow night. I know nothing about them, and for that reason I hope the public will not misunderstand my meaning; but it is rather unfair to those of us who are on the stage to have us associated with every woman who obtains passing notoriety in the newspapers."

"I did read something of the troubles of the Norfolk girls at the time, but had no idea that it would be used for advertising effect. Of course, there was some talk about them and the possibility that they would do a specialty turn, but it was all talk."

Not Every Woman An Actress. "The public does not seem to know that there is a difference between the chorus and the leading performers. Now, I am not 'knocking' the chorus, but every woman on the stage is supposed to be an actress. Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, for instance, then a mere slip of a girl, had a minor part in the chorus. Nan Patterson, who did more, perhaps, than all others, to bring shame upon the profession, was not a part of it, and she has passed out of view. Then there was Florence Burns. Of course, the managers after money engaged her, and in Brooklyn one night she was advertised to sing."

"The company refused to submit, and finally the woman was put in a front seat, where she could be seen. The crowd went to the theatre to see her and it was a success."

The year before she was with "The Girl from Kays," and her last appearance in Richmond was five years ago, when she was "the widow" in "When We Were Twenty One." In New York she has been understudy for Miss Hattie Williams, and on the circuit she takes the part in attractions in which Miss Williams made herself famous.

Sunday at Magnolia Park. The thronging crowd at the action out at the negro Coney Island yesterday, but it is safe to say that more than 3,000 people crowded the grounds to see Horton, the great negro acrobat, perform some very daring feats.

Towards the afternoon the crowd grew so great that every entrance leading to the grounds, front and rear, had to be thrown open. In the throng were many white people also. It is likely that Horton will perform again to-night.

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BOARD ENJOINED BY JUDGE HANCKEL

Attorney-General Anderson Secures Injunction at Norfolk.

HOLDS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3 Chicago Desks Cannot Be Accepted or Paid For in Meantime.

Judge Allan R. Hanckel, of the Corporation Court of Norfolk, granted a temporary injunction Saturday night restraining the School Board of that city from making any further move in the matter of securing school desks until September 3d.

This is an important development in the fight which has been going on for some time between the State and city boards over the question of authority to purchase school furniture, and it is the first move to get the matter formally before the courts. The State will probably fight now either for an extension of the injunction order or on the merits of the case before Judge Hanckel.

The injunction was prepared in Richmond Friday night by Attorney-General Anderson and Messrs. Old and Old of Norfolk, who were employed to assist in the matter, and was presented to Judge Hanckel by Hon. W. W. Old Jr. The injunction has the effect of staying all proceedings in the matter, so far as the local board is concerned, until September 3d, and it is up to the State Board to make another move in the meantime.

State Board Wanted It. The following is an extract from the minutes of the Virginia State Board of Education at a meeting held August 22d:

"On motion of Colonel N. B. Tucker the following was adopted: 'Resolved by the State Board of Education, That the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Attorney-General be, and they are hereby, authorized to take such action and institute and prosecute such suit or other proceeding as they may be advised to be proper and necessary for the purpose of preventing the Norfolk city school board, or other authorities of the city of Norfolk, from selecting or introducing into the public schools any desks already selected by this board at its meeting on the 25th of June, 1907, and described in the contract made pursuant to the order of the board by Preston Bolvin, trading as the Virginia School Supply Company, and to take such action and institute and prosecute such suit or other proceeding as they may be advised to be appropriate for the purpose of giving effect to the selection made by this board of school desks on the 25th of June, 1907.'

"2. Any such suit may be brought either in the name of this board or in the name of the Commonwealth, at the relation of the members of this board, as the Attorney-General may advise, and authority is hereby given for this purpose accordingly."

"3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Attorney-General are authorized to engage the services of special counsel to act for this board or the members thereof in said suit or other proceeding."

The Norfolk board will determine its future course to-day.

BOYS GET GOOD LAUGH AT EXPENSE OF POLICEMAN

A more disappointed man than Policeman Stoenmaker would be hard to find. Saturday night the well-known officer walked into the First Police Station carrying under one arm a large package neatly done up in brown paper. What appeared to be some one's Sunday dinner had evidently been dropped in the street by an accident. An officer on duty took a serious turn, and for the past few days his family has been quite alarmed as to his condition.

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NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Manchester Boy, Together With Another, Escapes from Laurel Reformatory.

Cox Boy Was Sent There for House-Breaking—Wm. Allen Waiting for Judge.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street. City Sergeant Saunders yesterday morning received advice from Superintendent Emmons, of Laurel Reformatory, that Herbert Cox, of Manchester, and Chester Uffer, of Lynchburg, had made their escape from the dormitory of the institution on Saturday night.

The Cox boy was sent to the reformatory from here several months ago, having been convicted of breaking into Raugh's store, on the Petersburg Turnpike. Mr. Emmons reported that he was rather surprised to learn of his disappearance, since his conduct had been exceptionally good up to this time. Uffer was a smaller boy than Cox. Up to this time the officials are ignorant of their whereabouts.

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In Police Circles. The police have landed another negro, Thomas Allen, who was one of those implicated in the assault upon Motorman Neil last week. One of the crowd was sent on to the grand jury and two were heavily fined on Saturday.

Clifford Young will appear before the Police Court this morning on the charge of assaulting his wife. Clifford Elder will appear on the charge of fighting with W. S. Haynes. Jack Simmons (white), of Richmond, was arrested last night on the charge of stealing iron from the old Manchester Cotton Mills. He will appear to-day.

Clifford Young is locked up as a suspicious character.

Persons and Briefs. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Staples and children returned last night after a week's visit to relatives near Keysville. There will be a most important meeting of the Commonwealth, at 11 A. M., at the Masonic Temple on Wednesday night.

The physicians and family of Mr. D. P. Waite, who was operated upon at the Virginia Hospital on Friday, are much pleased with his condition, and his chance for recovery are now considered to be excellent.

Miss Gay Winfree, of Middleburg, is the guest of Miss Nannie Vaden, on Cowardin Avenue.

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